

Stop Throwing Money at the Problem

Smarter Security for a Safer Future

Are your cybersecurity investments truly reducing risk, or just feeding a frustrating cycle of reactive fixes and expensive point solutions? With IT environments undergoing major upgrades every 3-5 years, LogicGate CISO Nick Kathmann challenges the status quo in his thought-provoking keynote.



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Compliance-first security models often act as mere "band-aids" that provide short-term relief but fail to address complexity or sustainably. Often dictated by vendor limitations and rigid checklists, these approaches struggle to scale and adapt. Kathmann urges a fundamental shift in perspective, drawing an analogy to automotive safety.

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We must look beyond **what** specific controls we implement and focus intensely on **why** we need them. It's not about **seatbelts** and **anti-lock brakes**; it's about **passenger survival**.

Nick Kathmann

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Understanding the core objective leads to more innovative, efficient, and effective security solutions. This strategic approach moves beyond reactive compliance drills to proactively embedding security deep within your core technology architecture and business processes.

Building a Smarter Future

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Unite **GRC and Architecture** teams around shared goals, focusing on the 'why' behind security needs.

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Implement **modern security designs** that inherently reduce risk and simplify compliance.

3

Embed **compliance checks and security enforcement** directly in the CI/CD pipelines for real-time visibility and automation.

4

Weave **risk mitigation and security thinking** into core business operations and processes.

Making the Shift: Strategic Sustainable Secure



Graphic representation of security architecture that facilitates compliance

Measuring Success

Mean Time to Remediate

Efficiency of remediation efforts post-implementation.

Incident Response Time

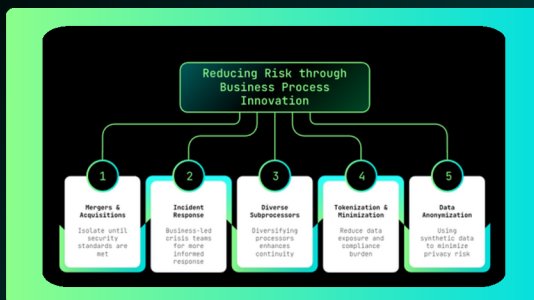
Improvement in speed and quality of incident response

Reduction in Risk Exposure

Percentage decrease in the need for risk exceptions

Audit Frequency and Effort

Reduction in audit cycle times and effort due to automation

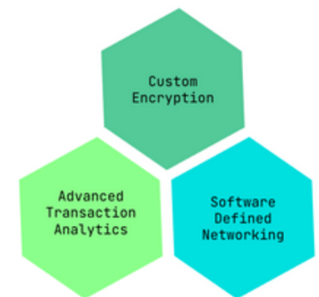


Graphic representation of embedding risk reduction in business processes

Kathmann advocates for strategic architecture enhancements that are holistic, scalable, and sustainable. This involves proactively designing security and compliance into technology and processes from the outset.

It begins by forging a strong partnership between GRC and IT, empowering Architecture teams to design the most effective technical solution, rather than simply executing a prescribed list of controls. This demands mutual understanding, thinking abstractly about risk themes, and agreeing on how success will be measured and validated.

Further, embedding automated controls directly into CI/CD pipelines provides real-time compliance visibility and enforces security standards automatically. This dramatically reduces audit fatigue and empowers development teams to innovate faster within secure guardrails



Examples of security built into architecture

Ultimately, Kathmann's message is a call to action:

Stop throwing money at reactive, short-term fixes.

By focusing on the 'why' behind security objectives, fostering deep collaboration between GRC and IT, and strategically implementing modern security architectures and automation, organizations can build a more resilient, efficient, and demonstrably safer future.

It's time to move beyond expensive band-aids and start architecting security for sustainable success.